

## Fresh Products Branch Directive

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### CERTIFYING VARIOUS VARIETIES OF CITRUS

**I. PURPOSE**

This directive is to set forth and standardize Branch policy when inspecting varieties of citrus.

**II. BACKGROUND**

There is a considerable amount of confusion as to which grade standards apply to certain varieties of citrus, this directive should alleviate the confusion. This supersedes the Administrative Letter dated January 23, 1984, and any other references to certifying varieties of citrus.

**III. POLICY**

To maintain uniformity of inspection procedures and results, the Branch policy is as follows:

The headings in the following chart indicate how the fruit shall be certified and what standard they shall be certified under. For varieties in the "ORANGES" column, report as "ORANGES" in the product heading on the certificate, except for "TANGELOS" report as "TANGELOS" and apply the U.S. Standards for Oranges (based on the State in which the fruit is grown). For varieties in the "TANGERINES" column, report as "TANGERINES" in the product heading on the certificate and apply the U.S. Standards for Tangerines (based on the State in which the fruit is grown). For varieties in the "CITRUS FRUIT" column, report as "CITRUS FRUIT" in the product heading on the certificate. For the varieties with one asterisk apply the U.S. Standards for Oranges (based on the State in which the fruit is grown). For varieties with two asterisks apply the U.S. Standards for Tangerines (based on the State in which the fruit is grown). For the varieties with three asterisks do not apply any standards (no established U.S. grade).

ORANGES	TANGERINES	CITRUS FRUIT
Blood (Sanguina)	Dañcy	*King Oranges
Navel	Sunburst	*Page
Temple(Royal Mandarin)	Robinson	*Lee
Parson Brown	Algerian	*Sour Orange
Hamlin	Fairchild	*K-Early
Valencia	Honey Tangerine (Murcott)	*Seminole
Lue Gim Gongs	Fallglo	*Satsumas or Emerald
		*Apply the orange standards

Distribution: HQ, FM, FS, CM, EM

Originating Office: Standardization

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ORANGES		CITRUS FRUIT
Boone's Early		**Clementines
Conner's Seedless		**Osceola
Hurds		**Wilking
Walker's Early		**Kara
Jaffa		**Kinnow
Red Navel		**Ponkan
Queen		**Apply the tangerine
Ruby		standards
Seedling		***Melogold
Star Calyx		***Pummelos
Pineapple		***Homli
Pope Summer		***No established U.S. grade
Homosassa		
Rhodes Red		
Lamb's Late		
Ambersweet		
<b>TANGELOS</b>		
Nova		
Orlando		
Minneola		

This list is not inclusive. Whenever a new variety is encountered it will be classified as to what the fruit most closely resembles. Tangerines are generally smaller than oranges, and the rind and fruit sections are loosely adherent. Therefore, when fruit is small and the rind and fruit sections are loosely adherent, the fruit shall be inspected based on the tangerine standards. If the fruit does not meet these criteria, it shall be inspected based upon the orange standards. Grapefruit are generally easier to identify.

For import requirement certification at **port of entry** use the following: for **grapefruit**, apply the U.S. Standards for Grades of Florida Grapefruit and the Florida State maturity requirements; and, for **oranges**, apply the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California and Arizona) and the Texas State maturity requirements, except for navel oranges, in which case apply the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and the Texas State maturity requirements.

Inspections requested for non-domestic (imported) fruit other than at port of entry or when import requirements are not in effect, the fruit shall be inspected based on the standards that the fruit most closely resemble; this is in regard to texture, thickness of skin, discoloration and scarring. If a quality and condition inspection is requested, the maturity standards for the U.S. Standards being used shall apply.

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